

# Rapid Rescue Deployment Course provided to DDSP Police

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The Rapid Rescue Deployment Course was developed to help first responders to an active shooter incident. It gives the first responding officers training in how to handle the situation and how to clear the building safely. The course is eight hours long starting with classroom instruction and leading up to scenario-based problems. Every officer of the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Police Force received this training during the week of March 10, 2003.

The instructors for this course were Dallas Police Department Special Operations and Tactics (SWAT) Officers Lt. Robert Owens and Officer Mark Huffman. Lt Owens, who developed the course for the Dallas Police, has spent much of his 29-year

career on the SWAT Team and is currently the Unit Commander. Officer Hoffman has been with the Department for 17 years and is currently a SWAT Sniper. Both officers are instructors for the Texas Tactical Police Officer Association, which provides training to SWAT Officers throughout Texas.

"It was valuable training, allowing the Police Force to work as teams and respond to possible threat scenarios as in an actual active shooter incident," said DDSP Police Chief Robert Bishopp. "I am proud of the work and dedication shown by the DDSP Police during this course and every day they are on the job protecting the installation."



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*CAPT Robert Ritchie presents a DDSP Commander's Coin to SWAT Officers Mark Huffman (left) and Lt. Robert Owens (right) for instructing the DDSP Police Force in a Rapid Rescue Deployment Course.*



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*Patrolmen Najiyah Mahdi and Todd Vash secure a hall intersection during Rapid Rescue training held at the Susquehanna Club.*



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*Patrolman Lance Miller handcuff suspects played by DDSP Airborne Riggers, as part of Rapid Rescue Training.*

*Patrolmen Joseph Laporta, Thomas Chastain, and Sergeant William Goss proceed through hallway during Rapid Rescue training conducted in the new Public Safety building. ↵*

